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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1.   Section 302A-251, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "§302A-251   School year; instructional time.   (a)  
4 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, beginning with  
5 the 2011-2013 school years, all public schools, excluding  
6 charter schools and multi-track public schools, shall implement  
7 a school year of one hundred eighty days, excluding professional  
8 development days and other non-instructional days negotiated  
9 pursuant to chapter 89.

10           (b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary:

11           (1) For the 2011-2012 school year, fifty per cent of all  
12 public elementary schools in the State, excluding  
13 charter schools and multi-track public schools, shall  
14 implement a school year that includes nine hundred  
15 fifteen student [~~instructional~~] hours; and

16           (2) Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, all public  
17 elementary schools in the State, excluding charter  
18 schools and multi-track public schools, shall



1           implement a school year that includes nine hundred  
2           fifteen student [~~instructional~~] hours.

3           (c) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, [~~for~~]  
4 beginning with the [2014-2016] 2015-2016 school [years,] year,  
5 all public secondary schools, excluding charter schools and  
6 multi-track public schools, shall implement a school year that  
7 includes nine hundred ninety student [~~instructional~~] hours.

8           (d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for the  
9 2016-2018 school years, all public schools, excluding charter  
10 schools and multi-track public schools, shall implement a school  
11 year of one hundred eighty days, excluding professional  
12 development days and other non-instructional days negotiated  
13 pursuant to chapter 89, that shall include one thousand eighty  
14 student [~~instructional~~] hours for both elementary and secondary  
15 school grades.

16           (e) The board, in its discretion, may grant a waiver to  
17 any individual school subject to the student [~~instructional~~]  
18 hours or one hundred eighty day school year requirements in this  
19 section. The board shall adopt policies and procedures to grant  
20 a waiver under this subsection.



1 (f) For purposes of this section, "student [~~instructional~~]  
2 hours" [~~means student learning time during which students are~~  
3 ~~engaged in learning activities including regularly scheduled~~  
4 ~~instruction and learning assessments within the curriculum, and~~  
5 ~~does not include lunch, recess, or passing time.~~] shall be  
6 defined by the board in consultation with the exclusive  
7 representatives of the appropriate bargaining units.

8 (g) The department of education, with the board of  
9 education and office of the governor, and in consultation with  
10 representatives of the affected collective bargaining units,  
11 shall submit to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
12 to the convening of the regular sessions of 2013, 2014, 2015,  
13 and 2016, [~~2017, and 2018,~~] a report on its progress and efforts  
14 to meet the requirements of subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d)."

15 SECTION 2. Act 167, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, as  
16 amended by Act 52, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, is amended by  
17 repealing section 4.

18 [~~SECTION 4. The department of education shall, with the~~  
19 ~~board of education and office of the governor, and in~~  
20 ~~consultation with representatives of the affected collective~~  
21 ~~bargaining units, submit to the legislature, no later than~~



1 ~~twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of~~  
2 ~~2015, a plan to implement beginning with the 2018-2019 school~~  
3 ~~year, for elementary and secondary school grades at all public~~  
4 ~~schools, excluding charter schools and multi-track public~~  
5 ~~schools, a school year of one hundred ninety days, excluding~~  
6 ~~professional development days and other non-instructional days~~  
7 ~~negotiated pursuant to chapter 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes, that~~  
8 ~~shall include one thousand one hundred forty student~~  
9 ~~instructional hours.~~

10 ~~For purposes of this section, "student instructional hours"~~  
11 ~~shall have the same meaning as in section 302A-251, Hawaii~~  
12 ~~Revised Statutes." ]~~

13 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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**Report Title:**

Department of Education; Student Hours

**Description:**

Requires all public secondary schools to implement a school year that includes 990 student hours to all school years beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Clarifies that the definition of "student hours" shall be determined by the board of education in consultation with the exclusive representatives of the appropriate bargaining units. (SD1)

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